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SUBJECT: SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: STAFFDEL

1. MEMBERS OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
STAFF WILL BE VISITING ADDRESSEE POSTS TO GATHER INFORMATION
RELEVANT TO THAT COMMITTEE'S UPCOMING EXAMINATION OF
THE RIBICOFF OMNIBUS ANTI-TERRORISM BILL. STAFFDEL CON-
SISTS OF FRED ASSELIN, PHILIP MANUEL, MALCOM CAMPBELL,
AND ELLEN MILLER. COMPLETE ITINERARY FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

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2. STAFFDEL WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' ARRANGING MEET-
INGS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WHO
DEAL WITH TERRORISM, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN
CORPORATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES AND WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIALS, IN-
CLUDING CUSTOMS AND DEFENSE ATTACHES, WHERE POSSIBLE. IN

MEETING WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, STAFFDEL WILL SEEK INFORMATION ON THE NATURE OF TERRORIST GROUPS, THEIR ACTIVITIES AND LINKS BETWEEN DIFFERENT TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM, INCLUDING AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS MUCH AGENDA INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE FOR PASSING ON TO ASSELIN AND MANUEL

3. PREVIOUSLY A STAFFDEL OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VISITED EUROPE TO GATHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO ITS COMMITTEE'S EXAMINATION OF THE RIBICOFF BILL. WHEREAS THAT STAFFDEL EXAMINED THE FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL, THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STAFFDEL INTENDS TO EXAMINE THE NATURE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSES TO TERRORISM, INCLUDING THE ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT BODIES DEDICATED TO COMBATTING TERRORISM.

4. FOR GENEVA: ELLEN MILLER PLANS TO VISIT GENEVA TO EXAMINE IATA'S ROLE IN ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 11. FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT.

5. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS TIME CONSTRAINTS AND COMPLICATIONS POSED BY HOLIDAYS UNDER WHICH EMBASSIES WILL HAVE TO OPERATE AND APPRECIATES EMBASSIES' EFFORTS TO ASSIST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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